

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

VIA EFS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated March 26, 2008, applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group 1 with traverse. Applicants note that claims 17-18 are linking claims which link the inventions of Groups 1-6. Upon allowance of linking claims 17 or 18, the restriction requirement will be withdrawn.

Further, applicants elect SEQ ID NOS: 469-42 (baySNP11594) with traverse. Applicants submit that they are entitled to a reasonable number of species and, further, that the restriction requirement on page 6 of the outstanding restriction requirement should be an election of species requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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